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SUBJ: SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS IN JERUSALEM,

DEPARTMENT FOR NSCE FOR SCOWCROFT AND NESSEN:

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1. FOLLOWING ARE REMARKS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER
FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER RABIN AND
OTHER ISRAELI OFFICIALS AT THE PM'S OFFICE IN
JERUSALEM MARCH 10, 1975:

2. SECRETARY KISSINGER: AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH
ARE COMPLICATED AND WHICH WILL TAKE SOME TIME. WE
ARE ENGAGED HERE IN ANALYZING ALL THE IDEAS AND
ELEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE PART OF A POSSIBLE AGREEMENT
AND WE ARE DOING SO WITH GREAT CARE. WE HAVE DONE SO
IN A VERY FRIENDLY, VERY COMRADELY AND VERY
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POSITIVE ATMOSPHERE. I AM GOING TO ANKARA

THIS AFTERNOON AND I AM RETURNING TOMORROW EVENING--
BACK TO MEET AGAIN TOMORROW EVENING TO CONTINUE
THIS EXAMINATION OF THE IDEAS AND THE ELEMENTS OF
THE POSSIBLE AGREEMENT.

3. Q: DR. KISSINGER, YOU SAID THE CHANCES WERE
FIFTY-FIFTY BEFORE YOU STARTED OUT. WOULD YOU
SAY THEY ARE BETTER NOW OR WORSE NOW?

SECRETARY: I DON'T WANT TO BE IN A POSITION IN
WHICH EVERY DAY I HAVE TO GIVE AN ASSESSMENT AND A
PERCENTAGE FIGURE BECAUSE WE WILL BE IN A
HOPELESS TRAP AFTER AWHILE. I CAME HERE
BECAUSE I BELIEVED THAT AN AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE.
I HAVE NO REASON TO CHANGE MY MIND.

4. Q: DO YOU HAVE ANY ASSESSMENT OF HOW LONG
THIS MISSION WILL LAST?

A: I DON'T WANT TO
PUT MYSELF INTO ANY PARTICULAR TIME FRAME BECAUSE
IT IS AN AGREEMENT OF SOME IMPORTANCE, IF IT IS
ACHIEVED, IT HAS TO BE DONE WITH GREAT CARE.

5. FOR ANKARA: WOULD APPRECIATE IF COPIES OF
ABOVE ARE DUPLICATED FOR DISTRIBUTION TO PRESS
TRAVELING WITH SECRETARY.
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